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SUBJECT: TRAINING OF QATAR FIRE BRIGADE PERSONNEL

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1. DEPT REGRETS DELAY IN REPLYING TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST. IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WE WILL BE POUCHING CATALOGUES OF SEVERAL COLLEGES OFFERING FULL FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS IN FIRE PREVENTION, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER INSTITUTIONS OFFERING PROGRAMS RANGING FROM TWO-YEAR JUNIOR COLLEGE DOWN TO SHORTER COURSES OF SEVERAL MONTHS DURATION, AND A CATALOGUE OF ALL INSTITUTIONS IN THE US OFFERING ANY COURSES IN FIRE FIGHTING METHODS.

2. BASED ON INITIAL INQUIRIES, BEST FOUR-YEAR B.S. DEGREE PROGRAM APPEARS TO BE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING (FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING). ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE THE SAME AS FOR OTHER DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE FIRE AND RESCUE INSTITUTE ALSO AT MARYLAND U. OFFERS SHORTER COURSES AND SEMINARS IN FIRE FIGHTING METHODS. TWO-YEAR JUNIOR COLLEGE PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED AT MONTGOMERY JUNIOR COLLEGE, ROCKVILLE, WHILE OKLAHOMA STATE, STILLWATER, OFFERS BOTH SHORT DURATION AND DEGREE PROGRAMS. KISSINGER
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